

**Claims:**

1. An environmentally benign process for the simultaneous preparation of the nanocrystalline anatase titanium dioxide powder having particle size in the range of 1 to 5 nm and hydrazine monohydrochloride, said process comprising  
5 the steps of:
  - i. adding hydrazine monohydrate solution drop wise to acidic aqueous solution of titanium tetrachloride at temperature in the range of 20 to 45 °C with constant stirring to form precipitate,
  - ii. filtering the precipitate of step (a) to obtain titanium dioxide having particle size in the range of 1 to 5 nm and optionally freeze drying and washing the filtrate to obtain hydrazine monohydrochloride.
- 10 2. The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein step (a) acidic aqueous solution of titanium tetrachloride contains  $TiCl_4$  in the range of 5 to 40% v/v.
- 15 3. The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein step (a), hydrazine monohydrate solution contains hydrazine monohydrate in the range of 10 to 99% v/v.
4. The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein step (a), hydrazine monohydrate solution contains 99% v/v hydrazine monohydrate.
5. The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein, the temperature is in the range of 20 to 40 °C.  
20
6. The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein step (a), pH of the mixture of hydrazine monohydrate solution and acidic aqueous solution of titanium tetrachloride is in the range of 7 to 8.
7. The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein step (a) is carried out in nitrogen atmosphere.  
25 *air?*
8. The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the anatase titanium dioxide Nanoparticles having BET surface area in the range of 200 –250  $m^2/gm$  are obtained.
9. The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein hydrazine monohydrochloride obtained by freeze drying the filtrate and washing the filtrate with water at a  
30 temperature in the range of -60 to -40 °C.  
*?*
10. The process as claimed in claim 1, the yield of anatase titanium dioxide and hydrazine monohydrochloride is above 95%.  
*✓*

11. Nanocrystalline anatase titanium dioxide powder obtained by the process as claimed in claim 1, wherein particle size of the nanocrystalline titanium dioxide is in the range of 1 to 5 nm.
12. Nanocrystalline anatase titanium dioxide powder obtained by the process as claimed in claim 1, wherein BET surface area of nanocrystalline anatase titanium dioxide powder is in the range of 200 – 250 m<sup>2</sup>/gm.  
5